GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE
LOK SABHA

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CONSTITUTION OF CORPORATION BOARD
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government propose to constitute a Corporation/Board which can provide loans to the fruits and vegetables producers in the country;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the time by which the Corporation/Board is likely to be constituted; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHRIPAD Y. NAIK)

(a): No, Sir. There is no proposal under consideration of the Government for constituting a Corporation/Board to provide loans to the fruits and vegetables producers in the country.

(b): Does not arise.

(c): Does not arise.

(d): Since National Horticulture Board (NHB), an autonomous body under the Department of Agriculture & Cooperation is already providing support for the development of fruits and vegetables through implementation of various schemes wherein back-ended capital subsidy is provided, need for separate Board or Corporation has not been felt. The following Schemes are implemented by NHB:-

(i) Under the scheme "Development of Commercial Horticulture through Production and Post-Harvest Management", back-ended Capital subsidy @ not exceeding 20% of the total project cost with a maximum limit of Rs.25 lakhs per project and a maximum of Rs.30 lakhs per project in North Eastern/Tribal/Hilly areas, is provided.

(ii) Under the scheme "Capital investment Subsidy for Construction/Modernisation/ Expansion of Cold Storages and Storages for Horticulture Produce", back-ended capital subsidy @ 25% subject to a maximum limit of Rs.50 lakhs per project and @ 33.33% not exceeding Rs.60 lakhs per project for North Eastern states, is provided.

(iii) Under the scheme "Technology Development and Transfer for Promotion of Horticulture", financial assistance up to 100% restricted to Rs.10 lakhs for production related projects and Rs.25 lakhs for Research & Development efforts is provided.

(iv) Under the scheme "Establishment of Nutritional Gardens in Rural Areas", minikits of fruit plants worth Rs.250 per family is provided. Rs.2500/Zero Energy Cool Chamber per School/village in a Panchayat selected for demonstration is provided. Up to Rs.5000 per School/Panchayat selected for demonstration is provided.